



Chaco Culture National Historical Park Quarters with the San Francisco Mint Mark Available July 12

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WASHINGTON — The United States Mint will begin accepting orders for collectible bags and rolls containing Chaco Culture National Historical Park quarters with the “S” mint mark of the United States Mint at San Francisco starting July 12 at noon Eastern Time (ET). The “S” mint mark quarters will not be released into circulation.

The Chaco Culture National Historical Park “S” mint mark quarters will be available in 100-coin bags priced at \$34.95 and 40-coin rolls priced at \$18.95. Orders will be accepted at the bureau’s online catalog, <http://www.usmint.gov/catalog>, or at 1-800-USA-MINT (872-6468). Hearing- and speech-impaired customers may order by calling 1-888-321-MINT (6468). All domestic orders will be assessed a shipping and handling fee of \$4.95.

The reverse of the 2012 Chaco Culture National Historical Park quarter was designed by United States Mint Artistic Infusion Program Master Designer Donna Weaver and sculpted by United States Mint Sculptor-Engraver Phebe Hemphill. The design illustrates a view to the west of two elevated kivas that are part of the Chetro Ketl Complex, the north wall of Chetro Ketl and the north wall of the canyon. Inscriptions are *CHACO CULTURE, NEW MEXICO, 2012* and *E PLURIBUS UNUM*. The obverse continues to feature the familiar image of President George Washington.

The United States Mint launched the America the Beautiful Quarters® Program in 2010. It is a 12-year initiative with 56 quarters featuring reverse designs depicting some of our most cherished national parks and other national sites. Under this program, the bureau will issue five new quarter designs each year, with one final design in 2021.

The United States Mint was created by Congress in 1792. This year marks the bureau’s 220th anniversary. The United States Mint is the Nation’s sole manufacturer of legal tender coinage and is responsible for producing circulating coinage for the Nation to conduct its trade and commerce. The United States Mint also produces proof, uncirculated and commemorative coins; Congressional Gold Medals; and silver, gold and platinum bullion coins.

Note: To ensure that all members of the public have fair and equal access to United States Mint products, orders placed prior to the official on-sale date and time of July 12, 2012, noon ET, shall not be deemed accepted by the United States Mint and will not be honored. For more information, please review the United States Mint’s Frequently Asked Questions, Answer ID #175.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- For more information about the America the Beautiful Quarters® Program, please visit <http://www.usmint.gov/learn/coin-and-medal-programs/america-the-beautiful-quarters>.
- For information about the United States Mint, please visit [/about/about](#).
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